

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Water Users
(Pursuant to Section 85-2-307, MCA)

The following application has been submitted to appropriate water in the State of Montana.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PROPOSES TO GRANT AN APPLICATION FOR BENEFICIAL WATER USE PERMIT. DESCRIBED BELOW ARE THE PERTINENT FACTS WHICH SUMMARIZE THE APPLICATION. THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION (PD) DOCUMENTING THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ANY CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE WATER RIGHT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT <http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/wrd/>.

OBJECTION DEADLINE: AUGUST 28, 2017. THE DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY ACCEPT OBJECTIONS FILED ON AN OBJECTION TO APPLICATION, FORM 611. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM AND THE \$25.00 FILING FEE TO THE DNRC, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, TO OBTAIN THE PD OR OBJECTION FORM TO THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 1371 RIMTOP DRIVE, BILLINGS, MT 59105-1978, PHONE: 406-247-4415, FAX: 406-247-4416.

IF ISSUED, THE RIGHT WILL BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR EXISTING WATER RIGHTS.

Application Number: 43C 30110599

Owners: STILLWATER MINING CO
PO BOX 1330
COLUMBUS, MT 59019

USA (DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE)
BEARTOOTH RANGER DISTRICT
6811 US HWY 212
RED LODGE, MT 59068

Priority Date: APRIL 25, 2017 at 01:35 P.M.

Purpose (use): INDUSTRIAL

Maximum Flow Rate: 250.00 GPM

Maximum Volume: 130.00 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SENESE	20	5S	16E	STILLWATER

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: OTHER
THE MEANS OF DIVERSION IS A MINE SHAFT (DECLINE).

Purpose (Use): INDUSTRIAL **Purpose Clarification:** MINING

Volume: 130.00 AC-FT

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWNE	13	5S	16E	STILLWATER
2			SWNW	13	5S	16E	STILLWATER
3			E2NW	13	5S	16E	STILLWATER
4			SENE	14	5S	16E	STILLWATER
5			N2S2	14	5S	16E	STILLWATER
6			N2S2	15	5S	16E	STILLWATER
7			SWSW	15	5S	16E	STILLWATER
8			S2SE	16	5S	16E	STILLWATER
9			W2NE	17	5S	16E	STILLWATER
10			SENW	17	5S	16E	STILLWATER
11			SWSE	17	5S	16E	STILLWATER
12			SW	17	5S	16E	STILLWATER
13			NE	20	5S	16E	STILLWATER
14			NESE	20	5S	16E	STILLWATER
15			NWNE	21	5S	16E	STILLWATER
16			NW	21	5S	16E	STILLWATER
17			NWSW	21	5S	16E	STILLWATER

Remarks:

ASSOCIATED RIGHT

THIS WATER RIGHT IS ASSOCIATED WITH WATER RIGHT 43C 30104560. THEY SHARE THE SAME PURPOSE AND PLACE OF USE. THE COMBINED APPROPRIATION IS 268 GPM AND 131 AF.

WATER MEASUREMENT-INLINE FLOW METER REQUIRED

THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL INSTALL A DEPARTMENT APPROVED IN-LINE FLOW METER AT A POINT IN THE DELIVERY LINE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. WATER MUST NOT BE DIVERTED UNTIL THE REQUIRED MEASURING DEVICE IS IN PLACE AND OPERATING. ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL KEEP A WRITTEN MONTHLY RECORD OF THE FLOW RATE AND VOLUME OF ALL WATER DIVERTED, INCLUDING THE PERIOD OF TIME. RECORDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY JANUARY 31 OF EACH YEAR AND UPON REQUEST AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE YEAR. FAILURE TO SUBMIT REPORTS MAY BE CAUSE FOR REVOCATION OF A PERMIT OR CHANGE. THE RECORDS MUST BE SENT TO THE WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE. THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL MAINTAIN THE MEASURING DEVICE SO IT ALWAYS OPERATES PROPERLY AND MEASURES FLOW RATE AND VOLUME ACCURATELY.

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